Scheme for integrated development of fruit

1702. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any central scheme for the integrated development of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone fruit in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any improvement has been noticed in the production of such fruit in the region after the introduction of the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, fruit-wise?

THE MINISTER GF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The Government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Development of Tropical, Temperate and Arid Zone Fruits in the country including Maharashtra State. However, no scheme is being implemented exclusively for Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. The scheme includes the following components;

(1) Establishment of big nurseries

(2) Establishment of small nurseries

(3) Establishment of Tissue culture units under public and private sector

(4) Area expansion

(5) Rejuvenation of orchards

(6) Organising training Programmes

(7) Organising publicity measures.

(c) and (d) No study has been made about the improvement of production of horticultural crops in the Vidarbha region. However, the available information of area and production of horticultural crops in Maharashtra is given in Statement *(See* below). It indicate that the production of fruits has increased over the years in Maharashtra.

Statement

Area and production of fruits in Maharashtra

(Area in 000 Ha., Production in 000 tonnes)

SI. No.	Fruit	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
		Area	Production	Area	Production	Area	Production
1.	Banana	57.16	2827.09	62.71	3072.66	60.74	2916.71
2.	Citrus	98.73	1124.80	105.06	7826.24	92.19	8646.64
3.	Lime/lemon	5.64	42.71	6.22	52.65	6.90	53.05
4.	Mosambi	6.97	75.17	11.50	109.49	16.02	90.37
5.	Orange	62.17	658.72	63.39	272.30	67.25	712.88
6.	Grapes	23.95	348.96	28.06	350.44	20.51	275.08
7.	Guava	6.10	55.88	8.04	79.56	7.68	106.27
8.	Mango	96.69	378.29	64.94	361.83	78.22	380.13
9.	Papaya	0.82	7.85	1.14	16.09	1.68	15.09
10.	Sapota	4.39	52.62	4.91	30.78	5.96	37.26
	TOTAL	362.62	5572.09	355.97	12172.04	357.15	13233.48